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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1256-01
Bill No.: SB 335
Subject: Public Service Commission; Utilities; Crimes and Punishments
Type: Original
Date: February 26, 2003

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **Department of Economic Development, Public Service Commission** and **Office of the Public Counsel** state that this proposal would permit increased penalties for safety related violations of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act and that their agencies would carry out their duties under this proposal with existing resources.

Department of Natural Resources officials did not respond to our fiscal note request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small businesses who could be subject to increased penalties under the proposed legislation would be expected to be impacted as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

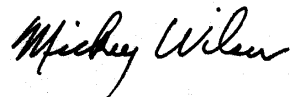
This proposal increases the penalties for violations of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act to be in line with the current federal penalties which are \$25,000 per violation with a maximum of \$500,000 per related series of violations.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Economic Development
Public Service Commission
Office of the Public Counsel

NOT RESPONDING: Department of Natural Resources



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